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11. (C) In reponse to reftel, post spoke with the Ecuadorian Under Secretary of National Defense, General Jorge Pena. He said that the Ecuadorian military does have Mi-17 helicopters and they would like to help. However, they are in the process of refurbishing the helicopters they own and they are trying to purchase more Mi-17s, therefore they are not in a position to help.  
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